

BRIDGE ACROSS THE COLUMBIA RIVER, IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

JANUARY 7, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. BURTNESS, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign
Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 10532]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10532) granting the consent of Congress to the State of Washington to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Columbia River, having considered the same, report thereon with amendment and as so amended recommend that it pass.

The bill as amended has the approval of the War and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

Amend the bill as follows:

Line 8, page 1, strike out the word "meridan" and insert in lieu thereof the word "meridian."

WAR DEPARTMENT, *December 16, 1924.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill (H. R. 10532, 68th Cong., 2d sess.) granting the consent of Congress to the State of Washington to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Columbia River.

As the navigable portions of the Columbia River do not lie within the limits of a single State, the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. WEEKS,
Secretary of War.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, December 19, 1924.

Hon. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Careful consideration has been given to the bill (H. R. 10532) transmitted with your letter of December 10, 1924, with request for a report thereon and such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill (H. R. 10532) would authorize the State of Washington, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Columbia River near Kettle Falls, within or near section 11, township 36 north, of range 37 east, of Willamette meridian. The proposed bridge will be on the system of Federal-aid highways approved for the State of Washington. There seems to be no objection to favorable action on the bill from the standpoint of this department, as this is to be a free bridge.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*